

**Manston Parish Council**

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**Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> July 2023 at 7.15 pm  
At Manston Village Hall, Manston**

**Present**      **Parish Councillors** Cllrs Guy Wilson, Henry Robinson, John Dearing, Ian Amato, and Roy Matthews

**In Attendance** -- Ashley Jackson (Clerk/RFO), Cllr Derek Crow-Brown, Cllr Bambridge, Cllr Smith and 27 members of the parish.

**37/23-24**      **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

None

**38/23-24**      **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

The Declarations of Interest Form was passed around for those in attendance to sign. Cllr Sam Bambridge was co-opted onto the Council. Cllr Bambridge read her declaration of acceptance. Cllr Wilson advised there was one more vacancy and Mr Paul Bell is interested and will attend the September meeting.

**39/23-24**      **MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

It was proposed by Cllr Robinson to accept the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> June 2023. Seconded by Cllr Matthews. All in favour. These were signed by Cllr Wilson as a true record.

**40/23-24**      **FINANCIAL MATTERS**

- a) Members resolved to approve the Schedule of Payments which was proposed by Cllr Amato and seconded by Cllr Robinson. All in favour. Signed as appropriate by Cllr Matthews and Cllr Wilson. Cllr Wilson advised that a quotation for £1098.87 had arrived from Wicksteed for the repair of the rocking horse. It was approved. The cost of a new laptop for the clerk was also approved.
- b) The Cllrs acknowledged receipt of the cash book which the clerk had circulated showing income and expenses to date. Clerk explained the cash book and the importance of reviewing it each month.
- c) Cllrs acknowledged receipt of the budget monitoring which had been circulated. Clerk explained how the budget monitoring worked.

**41/23-24**      **CHAIRMANS REPORT**

Cllr Wilson read the following report -

There was a nasty accident on Saturday afternoon involving a girl being knocked over by a car at the Jolly Farmer junction.

The car was approaching from the airport and hit the girl who was with some friends.

The point of impact was on the opposite side of the road to the Jolly Farmer just by the lamp post.

The road was closed by the Police for about an hour.

I arrived on the scene and spoke to two Police Officers who told me that the injuries were not life threatening so hopefully the girl was checked out in hospital and later discharged.

This raises the game for a zebra crossing, traffic lights or a 20 MPH limit and I would like to discuss this when we come to Highways on the Agenda.

We need to discuss vacancies for Parish Councillors this evening with two potential candidates.

**42/23-24**

### **PLANNING**

No new applications – Cllr Wilson advised that an application has been submitted by Ilk Homes for 450 Affordable Homes opposite Red House Farm. Cllr Robinson advised that there has been an alcohol licence application submitted for the new café. Cllr Bambridge advised that it is a coffee shop, not a pub, and she will look into it.

**43/23-24**

### **HIGHWAYS**

- a) To note any issues regarding Rights of Way - no issues for discussion.
- b) Flete road update – no update from Land Registry.
- c) Highway Improvement Plan – no update on the 20mph speed test which took place a couple of weeks ago. Cllr Wilson advised that the road is very dangerous through the village. Resident advised that he was coming home at 3am and a very dangerous incident took place. Resident advised that he has been crossing over and cars have gone both sides of him. Road courtesy is lacking. Cllr Amato wondered how long KCC is going to leave it before action is taken – the incident on Saturday could have been a lot worse. Cllr Bambridge advised that David Steed had paid RPS Engineers £7,000 to commission a report on a crossing which can be made available.

There was much discussion about how something needs to be done rather than waiting for a fatality.

Cllr Derek Crow-Brown will speak to KCC and find out what can be done.

Resident also advised that her mobile home in Preston Park backs onto the car park and, periodically, throughout the night there are cars in the car park. Drivers undertake drifting and play loud music. These incidents have been reported to the police who are disinterested as there are no CCTV cameras.

Rex Goodban advised that if you put traffic calming it will have unintended consequences with alternative roads being used as “rat-runs”.

Cllr Wilson read a letter from Miss Harris, a village resident, regarding speeding. This is attached as Annex 1. There was unanimous consent that the letter summed up the feelings of the whole village and something needs to be done. Rex Goodban gave information about a couple of accidents which had taken place in Manston High Street.

44/23-24

**MANSTON PARK**

No issues other than that the rocking-horse is to be repaired.

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**INDIVIDUAL COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Cllr Derek Crow-Brown expressed how good it was to see so many people with a passion regarding speeding – he advised that the proposed housing numbers are far too great. Budget cuts have been happening at KCC.

He advised that Richborough Household Waste Recycling Centre is proposed for closure and encouraged residents to give their views. The Deal Recycling Centre could close instead.

Cllr Amato asked why so much building work had not been programmed so as to avoid roadworks and traffic jams particularly on the Haine Road A256 – he encouraged everyone to report the problems on KCC highways website. Cllr Crow-Brown advised he will speak to the right person regarding developer Section 106 contributions to make sure Manston gets what it deserves. He encouraged people to contact the Police Commissioner, Matthew Scott, as he will generally answer questions promptly. The best way to contact him is on his Facebook page.

Cllr Linda Wright advised that roads works are happening all at once to guarantee that the roads get delivered as part of the S106. Cllr Amato advised that the planning of all these at once is diabolic. Cllr Wright advised that she manages adult social care and recently attended a meeting by Localis about re-setting the South East to ensure that all the local councils work together.

Cllr Bambridge advised that she met James Wraight of Highways and Derek Crow-Brown regarding the funding for the link road. The funding bid will not be dealt with until 2025. Cllr Bambridge also met with the Shadow Leader of KCC and they are continuing the work of the former leader and will again be discussing the housing numbers. They were never supposed to be all delivered at the same time.

The Judicial Review result for Manston airport is due in a few months. Cllr Bambridge asked how expensive it would be to paint 20mph signs on the road. Potholes are also an issue and should be reported on the KCC website. Cllr Amato advised that the accident had highlighted the

issues on the main road but every road is affected e.g. Preston Road and Spratling Street. The whole infrastructure needs sorting.  
Cllr Abi Smith – There is a motion to the full TDC Council on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> July, to consider a moratorium on approving large applications on agricultural land. She encouraged everyone to attend and embarrass the council and show support.

**46/23-24**      **PUBLIC QUESTIONS/ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA**

Cllr Dearing advised that the link road will go from the Toby Carvery across the field adjacent to Manston Court Road and that roundabout at the entrance to Westwood Cross would be enlarged along with the Toby Carvery roundabout to cater for the increased traffic as a result of several thousand new homes being built.

**36/23-24**      **DATE/TIME OF THE NEXT MEETING**

The next Parish Council Meeting will be held at 7:15pm 11<sup>th</sup> September 2023 in the Village Hall @Manston.

The meeting closed at 20.39pm.